

## CARIBBEAN

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

#### "Soviet Union Will Have a Hard Time Explaining This to the World"

Santo Domingo's El Sol on Friday said, "The whole world was moved...No matter what, we believe that we are witness to a crime, a horrible crime which we condemn vigorously.

"No sane person could conceive of a combat jet fighter's firing cold-bloodedly on an airliner filled with passengers and then returning to base as though nothing had occurred. The Soviet Union will have a hard time explaining this to the world..."

Leading Listin Diario wrote, "This merciless attack may be considered to be a most grim and coldblooded warning, a warning to the world that if the Soviet Union sees the strengthening of the NATO defense system as a threat, the Soviet Union is prepared to unleash, without warning, its most powerful nuclear attack on the nations bordering on the Communist world."

Papers in Kingston, Port of Spain, Bridgetown and Nassau gave front-page coverage. The state-owned Guayana Chronicle of Georgetown carried no news on Friday on the incident. The state-owned monopoly radio station GBC on Thursday ran a VOA report on Secretary Shultz's press statement.

## AFRICA

### ZAMBIA

#### Pravda Account, U.S. Reactions Used

Media yesterday reported factually on the incident, using wire service material. The Government party-owned Times of Zambia in Lusaka yesterday headlined a front-page item "International Outcry Over Missing Plane."

The article said "Western countries expressed outrage and some pilots' associations said they might press for an international anti-Soviet boycott unless Moscow came up with a quick explanation of the episode."

The Government-owned Zambian Daily Mail on Friday headlined AFP and Reuter reports "Airline Shooting Barbaric."

"If Correct, Soviets Will Bear Heavy Responsibility"

Radio Zambia in its principal morning broadcast yesterday, limited its very brief report to a TASS item that a South Korean aircraft was involved in a premeditated intelligence gathering activity. Radio Zambia also noted countries like Italy have expressed their solidarity with South Korea.

TV Zambia on Friday evening provided Zambia's only comment to date. Following a report on the incident, the announcer noted that "if the preceeding information is correct then the Soviets will bear a heavy responsibility for this action."

ZIMBABWE

Full Report of Secretary Shultz's Description of Soviet Action

The Herald of Harare on Friday, in addition to running a Reuter-AP article on Secretary Shultz's claim of irrefutable evidence that the Soviet Union shot down the South Korean airliner, also carried full report of his description of the Soviet tracking and downing of the South Korean plane.

NIGERIA

Light Coverage for Third Straight Day

Coverage of the event and world reaction to the shooting down of the South Korean airliner today remained light for the third straight day in Nigerian media. There was no editorial comment in any Sunday paper.

Most complete coverage appeared in privately owned Sunday Sketch of Lagos which devoted seven stories to various aspects of the incident. The Sunday Times of Lagos reported on the Security Council meeting.

The Sunday Tribune, under headlines "USSR Indicted Over Down Plane," reported protests in Seoul because the Soviet Union had not acknowledged the act and reaction in the United States and Japan. The Sunday Satellite of Enugu gave a summary of events through Friday evening.

ZAIRE

"Widespread Indignation Throughout the World"

Media in Kinshasha radio wire service items on the incident yesterday and Friday. The Zaire news agency (ZAZP) carried an AFP-sourced item which was also prominently featured by the French language dailies Elima and Salongo. Elima headlined "There Is Widespread Indignation Throughout the World."

SOUTH AFRICA

"Melodrama of Modern Fiction Has Suddenly Become Real"

All papers front-paged yesterday reports of the incident. South African Broadcasting Corporation radio ran it as top story. Typical headline was "Red Jet Shoots Down Airliner" in the Afrikaans daily Beeld of Johannesburg.

The afternoon daily Star of Johannesburg, yesterday said, "Ominously, a melodrama of modern fiction has suddenly become real...The two superpowers stand eyeball to eyeball in the most dramatic and frightening confrontation since the Kennedy-Khrushchev Cuban missile episode two decades ago.

The editorialist called the incident "the severest test for both Mr. Reagan and Mr. Andropov since they assumed office, and how they react may well affect East-West relations for a considerable time to come.

"Until the Russians provide some explanation for their extraordinary, carefully plotted act of murder--and it is difficult to imagine what such explanation could be--the words of the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Tip O'Neill, stand unchallenged: 'This act of airborne terrorism will not be forgotten or excused by decent people all over the world.'"

Foreign Minister "Pik" Botha: "Senseless and Brutal Act"

Major South African papers yesterday quoted Foreign Minister "Pik" Botha as saying, "There can be no excuse for it. It should not be tolerated. We in South Africa join with people everywhere in expressing our revulsion on this cowardly attack."

The Star of Johannesburg cited Conservative caucus chairman Howard Phillips as saying, "There is great reason to consider that the purpose of the MIG fighter was specifically to assassinate Congress Larry McDonald, who has been a strong and effective adversary of Communist intelligence and terrorist activities in the United States and throughout the free world."